

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending for Application Number 10/576,438 and, per the February 20, 2009 Office Action, are subject to a Restriction/Election Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372. As stated by the Examiner in the February 20, 2009 Office Action,

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked to form a single general invention concept under PCT Rule 13.1
Group I, claim(s) 1-24 and 26-27, drawn to a food packaging film and container.
Group II, claim(s) 25, drawn to a method for creating and stabilizing a desirable color in a food product.

With this submission, applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, which includes claims 1-24 and 26-27.

Concurrent with this Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.499, applicant submits a Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, canceling claim 25 and amending claims 1, 7, 21-22 and 26-27.

If a telephone conference would expedite review and allowance of claims 1-24 and 26-27 of the pending application or if the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner may contact the applicant via applicant's attorney at (920) 303-7970.

Respectfully submitted,

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